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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

ISAIAH LLOYD,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
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- vs -)	16 CV 7475
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CHICAGO POLICE OFFICER ROCCO)	
PRUGER, STAR #15445; CHICAGO)	Judge Pallmeyer
OFFICER PETER THEODORE,)	
STAR #10523; CHICAGO POLICE)	Mag. Finnegan
OFFICER BRYAN COX, STAR #19328;)	
CHICAGO POLICE DETECTIVE KENNETH)	
PISANO, STAR #20205; CHICAGO)	
POLICE DETECTIVE STEPHEN GRZENIA)	
STAR #20710; OTHER UNKNOWN)	
CHICAGO POLICE OFFICERS; LAUREN)	
BRIDGER; and THE CITY OF CHICAGO))	
a Municipal Corporation,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

The Discovery Deposition of
OFFICER BRYAN COX

taken in the above-entitled cause, before BERNA
DAVIS, a Certified Shorthand Reporter in the State
of Illinois, taken at The Law Offices of Jeffrey
J. Neslund, 20 North Wacker Drive, Suite 3710,
Chicago, Illinois, 60606, on the 25th day of July,
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<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>1 A As you turned in it would have been -- 2 If you're looking east we would 3 have been west of this red car and the van. 4 MR. NESLUND: Okay. Let me get some 5 photographs. 6 (WHEREUPON, Exhibit No. 1 was 7 marked for identification and 8 tendered to the witness.) 9 BY MR. NESLUND: 10 Q Okay. Officer, showing you what we have 11 marked as Exhibit 1 for your deposition, do you 12 recognize that as the BP gas station where the 13 arrest of Mr. Lloyd took place? 14 A Yes. 15 Q All right. And just to get my bearings 16 straight, which street runs along the bottom here? 17 A That's Independence. 18 Q That's Independence. 19 And then Harrison runs east-west 20 on the left side of the photograph? 21 A Correct. 22 Q All right. Your car, I think you told 23 me you came off of Independence and then you 24 stopped. I know it's kind of hard to see.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p> <p>1 A It would have been somewhere in here 2 (indicating). 3 Q Okay. And then if you can put maybe 4 another square -- and we'll put maybe an X inside 5 the square for your squad car when it came to a 6 stop. 7 (Witness complies.) 8 BY MR. NESLUND: 9 Q Okay. So your car, when it came to a 10 stop -- 11 MR. NESLUND: And, for the record, 12 Officer Cox has put a square with an X between 13 where the red car was and the square he made for 14 the van. Is that correct? 15 THE WITNESS: Correct. 16 BY MR. NESLUND: 17 Q All right. And your car was facing, it 18 would have been eastbound? 19 A Yes, east. 20 Q Okay. Once Mr. Lloyd is placed in 21 handcuffs is he placed inside your car? Is he -- 22 Well, what happens to Mr. Lloyd 23 after he's cuffed? 24 A He's detained with the other individuals</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p>1 There's a bunch of gas -- what do you call 2 them? -- different stations, I guess. Where was 3 the red car parked? 4 A Right where that white SUV, or whatever 5 this van is right here (indicating). 6 Q Okay. You can go ahead and just circle 7 that if you can. 8 A Circle the car? 9 Q Yeah. Where the red car was. 10 (Witness complies.) 11 MR. NESLUND: Let the record reflect 12 Officer Cox has circled the white, it looks like a 13 station wagon, whatever the white vehicle is, on 14 the far right gas pump. Is that correct? 15 THE WITNESS: Correct. 16 BY MR. NESLUND: 17 Q And Mr. Lloyd, you told me already, was 18 somewhere between the gas pump and the car when 19 you first observed him; right? 20 A Correct. 21 Q All right. And then if you take the 22 black marker and draw, like, a square in the 23 approximate location of the van, where was the 24 van?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">21</p> <p>1 that were associated with the van. 2 Q All right. And they were also 3 handcuffed? 4 A They were. 5 Q Okay. All right do you remember who 6 actually cuffed Mr. Lloyd, whether it was yourself 7 or Officer Pruger or Officer Theodore? 8 A I believe it was Officer Pruger. 9 Q Okay. The other individuals, how many 10 other people that were by the van or in the van 11 were also handcuffed? 12 A About five or six. 13 Q Okay. And were they cuffed 14 individually? Were they cuffed together? 15 A They were handcuffed together. 16 Q Did you, or any of the officers that 17 were with you, did you search the van? 18 A Other officers searched the van. 19 Q Do you know who it was that searched the 20 van? 21 A I don't. 22 Q Were these uniformed officers? Plain 23 clothes? 24 A I think they were uniformed.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">22</p> <p>1 Q Okay. And you were working in plain 2 clothes; is that correct? 3 A Yes. 4 Q Were any proceeds from the robbery, to 5 your knowledge, recovered from inside the van? 6 A No. 7 Q All right. Let's talk about the red 8 car. Did you ever go over to where the red car 9 was by the gas pump? 10 A I did. 11 Q And was the car -- 12 Do you remember, was it running? 13 Was it on? 14 A I don't think so. 15 Q Okay. And did you observe any proceeds 16 from the robbery inside the red car? 17 A I did. 18 Q And tell me about that. What did you 19 see? 20 A There were, on the passenger seat on the 21 red car there was a purse, cell phone, some other 22 miscellaneous things that were with the purse and 23 the phone. And there was a -- at the time there 24 was a handgun on there too.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <p>1 A Yes. 2 Q All right. Before she arrived did you 3 have any contact with the officers that brought 4 her to the gas station? 5 A No. 6 Q Did you get on your radio and put out 7 that you had located the red car and you had 8 people in custody? 9 A I don't know at this time if I did. I 10 believe somebody did, but I'm not 100 percent sure 11 on that. 12 Q All right. Now, at some point after 13 everybody is in cuffs, is that when -- who are -- 14 The other two guys, Salgado and 15 Ramirez, arrive at some point? 16 A Yes. 17 Q Okay. Once everybody is in cuffs -- 18 going back to Mr. Lloyd specifically -- was he 19 ever placed in the back seat of a squad car before 20 the identification procedure? 21 A No. 22 Q Okay. All right. Explain to me what 23 happens then when Ms. Bridger arrives. She's with 24 a couple of other officers; correct?</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">23</p> <p>1 Q Okay. Now, did you recover the proceeds 2 or the handgun from the car? 3 A I recovered the proceeds. 4 Q All right. And who -- 5 This turned out to be a pellet 6 gun; correct? 7 A Yes. 8 Q But I understand it looked like a real 9 gun. Would recovered that from the car? 10 A I think Officer Theodore. 11 Q All right. The other guys, the five or 12 six individuals that were detained from the van, 13 can you describe them to me at all? 14 A I just remember them being younger male 15 Blacks, you know, like early 20s. 16 Q Anything about the clothing or hairstyle 17 that you remember? 18 A No. There were numerous. I don't 19 remember if they all had -- 20 I know they all didn't have 21 short hair and they all didn't have braids. It 22 was mixed. 23 Q Now, eventually Ms. Bridger, the victim, 24 arrives for a show-up; correct?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p>1 A Yes. 2 Q All right. And are they in a marked 3 squad car? 4 A Yes. 5 Q All right. And when the marked squad 6 car arrives, tell me what happens. 7 A The marked squad car shows up with the 8 victim. Officer Pruger goes and talks with the 9 officers that had the victim. 10 Q All right. Let me stop you there. 11 Where were you when Officer 12 Pruger went and talked with those officers? 13 A I was over by the van. 14 Q Okay. From where you were at the van 15 could you hear what, if anything, Pruger -- 16 Officer Pruger was saying to the other officers 17 that arrived with Ms. Bridger? 18 A No. 19 Q And do you remember who else was with 20 you by the van? 21 A Officer Theodore was for sure. I don't 22 know who else was. 23 Q All right. And when Officer Pruger went 24 to talk with the officers that arrived with</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">46</p> <p>1 the gas station; correct?</p> <p>2 A Correct.</p> <p>3 Q At any time when Ms. Bridger arrived,</p> <p>4 was Mr. Lloyd in the middle of the lot between two</p> <p>5 squad cars with the other men in handcuffs on the</p> <p>6 ground behind him kneeling?</p> <p>7 A No.</p> <p>8 Q Okay. As far as the criminal case --</p> <p>9 Well, let me back up. If it was</p> <p>10 done in that manner that would be improper;</p> <p>11 correct?</p> <p>12 MR. JOHNSON: I'm going to object to the</p> <p>13 extent that it calls for speculation.</p> <p>14 You can answer the question.</p> <p>15 THE WITNESS: Yes.</p> <p>16 BY MR. NESLUND:</p> <p>17 Q And obviously suggestive; correct?</p> <p>18 MR. JOHNSON: Objection to form,</p> <p>19 foundation, legal conclusion.</p> <p>20 You can answer.</p> <p>21 THE WITNESS: Correct.</p> <p>22 BY MR. NESLUND:</p> <p>23 Q In the criminal case, did you ever</p> <p>24 testify --</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">48</p> <p>1 A No.</p> <p>2 Q I think I'm almost done.</p> <p>3 You never actually saw Mr. Lloyd</p> <p>4 in the car -- I think I already asked you that --</p> <p>5 correct?</p> <p>6 A I did not see him in the car.</p> <p>7 Q You never saw him touch the car;</p> <p>8 correct?</p> <p>9 A No.</p> <p>10 Q Let me ask you about when we talk about</p> <p>11 hold for investigation.</p> <p>12 And I understand you're not a</p> <p>13 detective; correct?</p> <p>14 A Correct.</p> <p>15 Q But as far as when that car is held for</p> <p>16 investigation, what is your understanding of what</p> <p>17 is going to happen next, as far as this car in</p> <p>18 this particular -- the investigation of this</p> <p>19 crime?</p> <p>20 MR. JOHNSON: Can I understand the</p> <p>21 question? When you say, "this crime," you mean</p> <p>22 like in general or this incident?</p> <p>23 MR. NESLUND: Specifically this</p> <p>24 incident.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">47</p> <p>1 A No.</p> <p>2 Q -- in the trial or a preliminary hearing</p> <p>3 or anything like that?</p> <p>4 A No, I didn't.</p> <p>5 Q Do you know --</p> <p>6 Did you go to the preliminary</p> <p>7 hearing?</p> <p>8 A No.</p> <p>9 Q Prior to the identification procedure --</p> <p>10 And I understand you didn't</p> <p>11 speak to Ms. Bridger but bear with me. Prior to</p> <p>12 the identification procedure did you ever inform</p> <p>13 Ms. Bridger that the offender was already</p> <p>14 apprehended?</p> <p>15 A No.</p> <p>16 Q Did you hear any other officer inform</p> <p>17 Ms. Bridger that the offender was already</p> <p>18 apprehended?</p> <p>19 A No, I didn't.</p> <p>20 Q Did you ever recover any proceeds from</p> <p>21 the van?</p> <p>22 A No.</p> <p>23 Q Did you ever inform Ms. Bridger that her</p> <p>24 proceeds were recovered from the van?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">49</p> <p>1 BY MR. NESLUND:</p> <p>2 Q Like, this red car that you drove and</p> <p>3 then it was held for investigation, what was your</p> <p>4 understanding of what was going to happen next?</p> <p>5 MR. JOHNSON: I'm going to object to the</p> <p>6 form and foundation, calls for speculation.</p> <p>7 But you can answer the question.</p> <p>8 THE WITNESS: As far as the crime part</p> <p>9 of this, it's going to be -- they're going to</p> <p>10 check it for fingerprints, run the plate, notify</p> <p>11 who the owner -- notify the owner that their car</p> <p>12 is here, try to determine how that car got into</p> <p>13 someone else's possession. An ET will process the</p> <p>14 vehicle. And then, to my knowledge, it gets</p> <p>15 returned to the owner.</p> <p>16 BY MR. NESLUND:</p> <p>17 Q Okay. Do you know if any of that was</p> <p>18 done in this case?</p> <p>19 A After the paperwork was done, not to my</p> <p>20 knowledge. I don't know.</p> <p>21 Q Okay. All right. If the description</p> <p>22 from the victim was that the person who robbed her</p> <p>23 was wearing a faded jogging suit or a hoody, and</p> <p>24 if Mr. Lloyd was wearing such clothing, would that</p>

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